

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
MAYOR SHIPLEY  
VICE-MAYOR PRIVETT  
COMMISSIONER ADAMS  
COMMISSIONER HARMON  
COMMISSIONER SKILES  
CITY MANAGER STULCE  
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT  
CITY RECORDER BURRIS

The minutes of the meeting held April 1, 2010 were approved as presented.

Robert Cothran, representing Vietnam Veterans Chapter 942, presented two checks in the amount of \$400 each to the Soddy-Daisy Food Bank and to the Neighborhood Helpers. Mayor Shipley thanked the Veterans for all the work their organization does for the community.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

**2009-2010 RESOLUTION NO. 9**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,  
REQUESTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT AUTHORITY (WWTA) TO EXTEND SEWER SERVICE  
TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON BELL STREET.

1<sup>st</sup> - Vice-Mayor Privett  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Skiles  
Ayes - Unanimous

Vice-Mayor Privett stated he would deliver this Resolution at the next WWTA Board Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Citizens' Participation:

Billy Heard, 9061 Daisy Dallas Road, questioned when the paving would start for Daisy Dallas Road. Mayor Shipley said the work is scheduled to begin next Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Gary Sannis, 317 Weathersby Road, thanked the City for annexing the remainder of the street. He said the water runoff is eroding his driveway and asked when the road would be paved. He said he had spoken with the Public Works Director who said that there are no plans to pave anytime soon, but it was his understanding was that the road would be paved upon acceptance. Commissioner Harmon agreed with Mr. Sannis. Mayor Shipley said he didn't think the road was to be paved immediately. Public Works Director Grant said in speaking with Mr. Sannis, he told him that there were no immediate plans to pave the road, but even if the road wasn't paved, the City would fix the potholes. He added that the Ordinance of acceptance did not include anything about paving the road. Mr. Sannis said he was about pave his driveway. City Manager Stulce advised Mr. Sannis not to pave past his driveway, advising that a drainage tile may need to be installed adding that he

could not say as to when the road will be paved, but that it will happen.

Joe Buck, 12194 Posey Hollow Road, expressed his concern about an article in the April 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the North Hamilton Weekly and the use of the word “flooding” in reference to the Plantation Subdivision. He said he objected to the wording, felt it was a water run off and stormwater issue, but not flooding. He said he had lived in other places where flooding occurred and this was not the case. His concern is that the public media may influence property values, etc. Katie Ward, reporter with the Weekly, said this word was used many times by residents of the Plantation she has interviewed. Mayor Shipley said he understood why the word was used and if water goes under homes, through yards, over the top of a swimming pool, he personally would call it flooding. City Attorney Elliott stated that the record would reflect Mr. Buck’s concern.

Mayor Shipley stated that he had spoken with Jim Hill about the ditch line between properties as discussed in the last meeting. He reported that a meeting is scheduled on May 1<sup>st</sup> to once again try to a resolution between Mr. Hill and the residents to fix the ditch. Tom Million, 12220 Macon Way, stated he wanted the entire Commission to understand that he nor his neighbor, Don Gorman, ever said anything about suing the City and that this was the farthest things from their minds.

City Manager Stulce presented a request for the purchase of a copier for City Hall. Three proposals were received with the low quote being from Chattanooga Business Machines for a Sharp MX-410N in the amount of \$11,662 under government pricing. A motion was made by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Skiles to approve the purchase as presented and the ayes were unanimous. Commissioner Adams asked if the service contract for the copier was a separate item. City Recorder Burris stated that it was.

A request was presented for the purchase of a trailer for the public works department. City Manager Stulce presented each Commissioner with a complete bid packet containing information regarding the proposed purchase of a 40,000 lb. capacity tandem axle low boy trailer. Crossville Trailers Inc. was the low bidder at \$13,200. After discussion, the Commission chose to table the matter until the next meeting so as to have more time to research the particular brands of trailers submitted.

City Manager Stulce stated that bids were also taken on a new backhoe. He stated that after decisions were made tonight concerning paving projects, Public Works Director Grant has agreed to delay purchasing a backhoe until next year. Commissioner Skiles questioned if the trailer requested for purchase will it be used to haul the backhoe. City Manager Stulce replied that is why the purchase is proposed.

City Manager Stulce requested voucher approval for O’Reilly Auto Parts stating that three purchases caused the statement from one vendor to exceed his spending limit. He gave the purchases as paint thinner, tape, etc. for vehicles, a 55 gal. drum of oil, and a generator. Commissioner Harmon said that he would like to increase the spending limit of the City Manager so that he does not have to bring everything into the meeting for

approval by the Board. Commissioner Harmon made a motion to change the ordinance to increase the City Manager's spending limit. City Attorney Elliott asked the Board to tell the City Recorder what they want and she will draft an ordinance for the next meeting. Vice-Mayor Privett stated that guidelines would need to be in place. City Recorder Burris stated that at this time, the ordinance allows for purchases up to \$2,500 without Board approval, formal bids at \$10,000.00, quotes at \$2,500 and approval by the Board. City Manager Stulce stated that he would feel comfortable with \$5,000. Commissioner Harmon made a motion to approve the payment to O'Reilly's, seconded by Vice-Mayor Privett, and the ayes were unanimous. It was the consensus of the Commission to have City Recorder Burris draft an ordinance for the next meeting to increase the City Manager's spending limit to \$5,000.

City Manager Stulce said the paving on Daisy Dallas Road is being proposed from Oakwood Drive and Dayton Pike, at a cost of \$188,000. He stated that the worst part of Daisy Dallas Road is past Gann Road out to the entrance of the North Brook Subdivision and gave the additional cost of \$68,000 to \$70,000 to extend the paving for a total estimated cost of \$287,000. Mayor Shipley stated that it was his understanding that the other departments are asking for an operational budget only this year to focusing on paving. City Manager Stulce stated that he had other paving items to be addressed. He commented that all of Dayton Pike from city limits to city limits would need paving by the year 2015 and that it would take 5 years to get it into the Transportation Plan which would require a Resolution and application to Regional Planning Agency to start the process. The project would require a 20% funding match. Secondly, he asked for consideration of requesting a similar project with the TPO to pave Back Valley Road from Hwy. 111 to Durham Street, and continuing to Dayton Pike. He said request may take 7 to 8 years to receive the funding. City Manager Stulce stated that he has the applications, but the Board must instruct him to file them. After the applications are submitted, a Resolution will be needed from the City to commit to the 20 percent match. Vice-Mayor Privett stated that the worse case scenario would be that the City did not have the money when the time came for the project to begin. However, he stated that the City could begin planning for this and even borrow the funds if needed. He then made a motion to instruct the City Manager to begin the application process for both projects, seconded by Commissioner Skiles, and the ayes were unanimous.

Mayor Shipley asked for the Board's decision on the increase in the paving of Daisy Dallas Road. Commissioner Adams questioned if the road could be widened. Public Works Director Grant stated that there would be very little widening. Vice-Mayor Privett stated why not complete the project at this time because you will be paving it in the next 2 years anyway. Vice-Mayor Privett made a motion to approve the paving of Oakwood Drive and Daisy Dallas Road from the 90 degree turn to just past North Brook Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Skiles and the ayes were unanimous. Public Works Director Grant stated that the cost is

based on estimates and the actual cost could be over or under the \$287,000 which is based on tonnage two inches thick, leveling courses, and binders in some areas. Vice-Mayor Privett questioned if the City would oversee the entire project to include the materials tickets. Public Works Director Grant stated that he would have an employee on site the entire time and each ticket would be collected.

City Manager Stulce asked the Board's permission on additional paving while the City has the contract with Highways Inc., who has agreed to honor the bid beyond the expiration of the contract while in the area. He said the Capital Projects Fund is a discretionary savings account for special projects, such as a new fire hall, replace equipment, etc. and it is his recommendation to pave Thad Lane and Timberline Circle, which were constructed about 35 years ago, noting the roadbed is deteriorated to the base. Public Works Director Grant presented a proposal as to estimated costs of paving several smaller roads. City Manager Stulce asked that money be taken out of the Capital Projects Fund. Vice-Mayor Privett asked Public Works Director Grant and City Manager Stulce to prioritize every road in the City, using the Master List of Roads and speed limits, to make a sketch of every road and develop a rotating schedule to re-pave every street showing estimated paving costs. He asked if there was a list of the roads showing when they were paved last. Mayor Shipley stated that the \$287,854 to pave Daisy Dallas Road will be taken out of General Fund. City Manager Stulce stated that he plans to look at several patching jobs while Highways Inc. is working in town. He stated the these will include the intersection at Soddy Elementary, the sink hole on Back Valley Road, Posey Hollow Road at new culvert tile, as well as two or three other areas. Mayor Shipley asked for the balance in the Capital Projects Account. It was noted that it is \$665,000. Mayor Shipley questioned if \$265,000 could be spent on additional paving projects, leaving \$400,000 in the fund. Public Works Director Grant stated that if a road is 20 feet wide it will cost approximately \$70,000 per mile. Vice-Mayor Privett stated that he felt the City should lock the contractor into a specific dollar amount and made a motion to allow City Manager Stulce and Public Works Director Grant to determine which streets to pave not to exceed \$265,000, seconded by Commissioner Skiles and the ayes were unanimous.

Mayor Shipley commented on recent asphalt work on Hixson Pike near Northgate asking what kind of asphalt this was. Public Works Director Grant stated that it is new type being tested by the City of Chattanooga. He said that TDOT engineers feel that they can get 25-30 years out of this asphalt noting that Highways Inc. makes this asphalt. He said he has plans to meet with Chattanooga's Director to discuss its benefits, adding that the cost is approximately \$8-\$10 more per ton. Vice-Mayor Privett suggested taking a short street in needing a seal coat and try it. City Attorney Elliott stated that Lakesite is trying this similar project also and suggested that Mr. Grant talk with them. City Manager Stulce asked for clarification on the paving limit of \$265,000. It was clarified that the City Manager and Public Works Director have been authorized to proceed with the paving of

additional streets up to an amount not to exceed \$265,000 to pave the largest number of streets possible.

City Manager Stulce stated that the City has annexed areas in the past few years under various administrations, in which only the parcels on one side of the street and the roadway were annexed. He said this causes problems between the City and County as to who works wrecks, who maintains roads, etc. He said that there are a number of these roads, noting that the County gets tax dollars from both sides, but is no longer required to maintain the road. He questioned why the City would take only the parcels on one side of a road and the street, but not the parcels on the other side. He asked the Board to consider de-annexing these streets, and allow the County to maintain them. City Attorney Elliott stated that the City would de-annex road to right-of-way with no effect on the parcels, potentially save the City a lot of money. City Manager Stulce asked to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Commissioner Skiles requested the road bump be fixed on Dayton Pike at Fire Hall #3. City Manager Stulce stated that this is to be addressed once WWTA completes its inspection which was done this week.

Mayor Shipley stated that he felt the paving projects should be split equally between the north and south ends of City. He recommended doing the worst streets first. City Attorney Elliott stated that the motion had been to leave this decision completely up to the discretion of the City Manager and the Public Works Director.

ADJOURNED 8:10 P.M.

CITY RECORDER BURRIS